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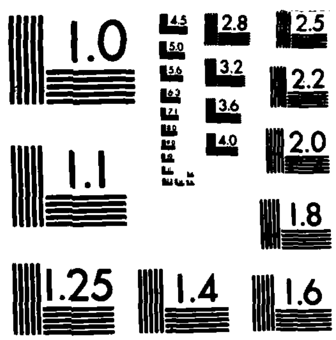


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ABSTRACT

an article written by Hsu,

In ~~P.L.~~ Hsu ~~(J. London Math. Soc. 1941)~~, the proof of the basic Lemma 3 is based on Lemma 1 which is wrong. The aim of this document ~~note~~ is to correct the proof of Lemma 3 and consequently to ensure the main theorem in Hsu's work. ~~P.L. Hsu (J. London Math. Soc. 1941).~~ Keywords: Hsu's theorem; limiting distribution; normal populations.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Consider k p-variate normal populations with mean vectors $(\xi_{1i}, \xi_{2i}, \ldots, \xi_{pi})$ $i = 1, 2, \ldots, k$ and a common covariance matrix $\Sigma = \| \sigma_{ij} \|$. Now, let $\xi_i' = (\xi_{1i}, \xi_{2i}, \ldots, \xi_{pi})$ and

$$\xi = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11}, & \xi_{21}, \ldots, \xi_{p1}, & 1 \\ \xi_{12}, & \xi_{22}, \ldots, \xi_{p2}, & 1 \\ \ldots & \ldots & \ldots \\ \xi_{1k}, & \xi_{2k}, \ldots, \xi_{pk}, & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad (1)$$

The geometrical meaning of the rank of $\xi$ is obvious, if its rank is one, the k centroids of the k populations are coincident, if it is two, the centroids are collinear but not coincident and so on. So, the rank of $\xi$ is important in certain problems of inference in the area of multivariate analysis.

Suppose there are k samples, with size $m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_k$, respectively, drawn from the K populations. Let

$$\left.\begin{aligned} \xi_i &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^{k} m_t \xi_{it} \\ \psi_{ij} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^{k} m_t (\xi_{it} - \xi_i)(\xi_{jt} - \xi_j)' \\ N &= \sum_{t=1}^{k} m_t \end{aligned}\right\} \qquad (2)$$

It is not difficult to see that the rank of the matrix $\| \psi_{ij} \|$ is one less than that of $\xi$. On the other hand, the rank of $\| \psi_{ij} \|$ is in turn equal to the number of positive roots of the determinantal equation

$$| \psi_{ij} - \lambda \sigma_{ij} | = 0 \qquad 3)$$

because the matrix $\| \psi_{ij} \|$ is nonnegative definite and $\Sigma = \| \sigma_{ij} \|$ is positive definite.

Thus, the problem to investigate the rank of $\xi$ turns out to be the problem to investigate the number of positive roots of (3). A review of the literature on testing for the rank of $\Sigma^{-1}\psi$ is given in Krishnaiah (1982).

Now, let us consider the samples drawn from the k multivariate normal populations. Let $(x_{1t},\ldots,x_{pt})$ denote the mean vector of the t-th sample and $(x_1,\ldots,x_p)$ denote the mean vector of the grand sample, $s_{ijt}(i, j = 1, 2,\ldots,p)$ the second moments about the means of the t-th sample. Write

$$\bar{a}_{ij} = \sum_{t=1}^{k} m_t(x_{it} - x_i)(x_{jt} - x_j)$$

$$\bar{b}_{ij} = \sum_{t=1}^{k} m_t s_{ijt}$$

$$\ell_1 = \min (p, k - 1)$$

$$\ell_2 = \max (p, k - 1).$$

It is obvious that the matrix $\| \bar{a}_{ij} \|$ is nonnegative definite and has rank $\ell_1$, and that the matrix $\| \bar{b}_{ij} \|$ is positive definite provided that $N - k \geq p$. Hence the determinantal equation in $\phi$

$$| \bar{a}_{ij} - \phi\bar{b}_{ij} | = 0 \tag{4}$$

has a root zero of multiplicity $p - \ell_1$ and $\ell_1$ positive roots.

The $\ell_1$ nonzero roots of (4) play an important role in discriminant analysis. Their distribution depends solely upon the roots of (3), and their exact distribution is known in the case that where all roots of (3) are zero (see Fisher (1939), Hsu (1939), and Roy (1939)). In the general case, Hsu (1941) obtained the limiting distribution of these positive roots and it is given in the following theorem.

<u>Theorem</u> (P. L. Hsu). Suppose the sample sizes satisfy the condition $m_t = mq_t$, $t = 1, 2, \ldots, k$.

Let $q = \sum_{t=1}^{k} q_t$ and $N = mq$ (note that the roots of (3) is independent of $m$ in the present case). Suppose that (3) has positive roots $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \ldots > \lambda_\nu > 0$ with multiplicities $\mu_1, \mu_2, \ldots, \mu_\nu$, respectively. Write

$$a_0 = 0,\ a_h = a_{h-1} + \mu_h,\ h = 1, 2, \ldots, \nu,\ r = a_\nu.$$

Also write the positive roots of (4) as $\phi_1 \geq \phi_2 \geq \ldots \geq \phi_{\ell_1} > 0$. Define

$$\zeta_i = \sqrt{N}(2\lambda_h^2 + 4\lambda_h)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\phi_i - \lambda_h),\ (i = a_{h-1} + 1, \ldots, a_h,\ h = 1, 2, \ldots, \nu)$$

$$\zeta_i = N\phi_i, \qquad (i = r + 1, \ldots, \ell_1)$$

Then the limiting distribution density (as $m \to \infty$) of $\zeta_1, \ldots, \zeta_{\ell_1}$ is

$$D(\zeta_1, \ldots, \zeta_{a_1})D(\zeta_{a_1+1}, \ldots, \zeta_{a_2}) \ldots D(\zeta_{a_{\nu-1}+1}, \ldots, \zeta_{a_\nu})D_1(\zeta_{r+1}, \ldots, \zeta_{\ell_1}) \tag{5}$$

where

$$D(x_1 \ldots x_\mu) = \left(\tfrac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}\mu}\left(\prod_{i=1}^{\mu}\left(\tfrac{i}{2}\right)\right)^{-1}\left\{\prod_{i=1}^{\mu}\prod_{j=i+1}^{\mu}(x_i - x_j)\right\}\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{\mu}x_i^2\right\} \tag{6}$$

$$(\infty > x_1 \geq x_2 \geq \ldots \geq x_\mu > -\infty)$$

$$D_1(\zeta_{r+1}, \ldots, \zeta_{\ell_1}) = \left(\tfrac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}(p-r)(n_1-r)}\pi^{\frac{1}{2}(\ell_1-r)}\left\{\prod_{i=1}^{\ell_1-r}\Gamma\left(\tfrac{1}{2}\ell_2 - \tfrac{1}{2}r - \tfrac{i}{2} + \tfrac{1}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\tfrac{i}{2}\right)\right\}^{-1}$$

$$\times\left\{\prod_{i=r+1}^{\ell_1}\prod_{j=i+1}^{\ell_1}(\zeta_i - \zeta_j)\right\}\left\{\prod_{i=r+1}^{\ell_1}\zeta_i\right\}^{\frac{1}{2}(\ell_2-\ell_1-1)}\exp-\left\{\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=r+1}^{\ell_1}\zeta_i\right\} \tag{7}$$

$$(\infty > \zeta_{r+1} \geq \ldots \geq \zeta_{\ell_1} \geq 0,\ n_1 = k - 1).$$

Unfortunately, Lemma 1 in the paper of Hsu (1941) is not correct. The main result of Hsu is based upon the above lemma. Recently, Prof. W. Q. Lian found this mistake and gave a counterexample. The purpose of this note is, according to the suggestion of Professor K. L. Chung, to give a new proof of Lemma 3 in Hsu's paper; this lemma plays a key role in the proof of the main theorem of the result of Hsu.

## 2. A COUNTEREXAMPLE

To clearly understand the counterexample, we have to restate here the Lemma 1 in Hsu (1941).

Let $Q_n (n = 1, 2, \ldots)$ be a random point with a finite number, independent of n, of coordinates, and let its domain of existence be the Borel set $E_n$. Let

$$E_n \subset E_{n+1} (n = 1, 2, \ldots)$$

and put

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} E_n = E.$$

Let the probability of $Q_n$ approach a limiting probability function, which is continuous, as $n \to \infty$.

Let $f_n(P)(n = 1, 2, \ldots)$ be a real point function defined and Borel measurable in $E_n$. Let

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} f_n(P) = 0 \quad \text{throughout } E$$

then the random variable $f_n(Q_n) \to 0$ in pr. as $n \to \infty$.

Example 1. Let $p_n$ denote the $n^{th}$ prime number, and let $F_n = \left\{\frac{1}{p_n}, \frac{2}{p_n}, \ldots, \frac{p_n - 1}{p_n}\right\}$.

Define

$$f_n(P) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \in F_n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Evidently, we have

$$f_n(P) \to 0, \ \forall\, p \in (0,1).$$

Define random variable $Q_n$ with its distribution function

$$F_n(x) = P(Q_n < x) = \frac{k_n(x)}{2p_n} + \frac{p_n + 1}{2p_n} \int_{-\infty}^{x} I_{(0,1)}(u)du$$

where $k_n(x)$ is the number of elements of $F_n$, which are less than x, and $I_A$ denotes the indicator function of the set A. It is obvious that $F_n$ tends to R(0,1), the uniform distribution over the interval (0,1), as $n \to \infty$. Also, we know that $E = E_n = (0,1)$, $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ . But we evidently have

$$P(f_n(Q_n) = 1) = P(Q_n \varepsilon\ F_n) = \frac{p_n - 1}{2p_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}.$$

In fact, we can construct an example in which all the $f_n(P)$, $n = 1, 2, \ldots,$ are continuous and all the distributions of $Q_n$ $n = 1, 2, \ldots,$ are absolutely continuous, but the conclusion of this Lemma is not true. On the other hand, we can show that if each $Q_n$ has a probability density $q_n$ and $q_n$ tends to a limit density $q$, then the conclusion of this lemma will be true.

But, we omit the details since the main purpose of our paper is to give a correct proof of Hsu's theorem and not to give details of counterexamples of his lemma.

## 3. PROOF OF HSU'S THEOREM

Write

$$n_1 = k - 1,\ n = N - k,\ v = N^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$a_{ij} = \sum_{\beta=1}^{n_1} y_{i\beta} y_{j\beta} \qquad u_{ii} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2N}} \left( \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} z_{i\nu} - N \right)$$

$$u_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} z_{i\nu} z_{j\nu} \quad i \neq j,\ 1 \leq i,\ j \leq p$$

In [2], it is correctly proved that the distribution of the positive roots of (4) is the same as that of the following determinantal equation

$$|v^2 A + vC - v\phi U + D| = 0 \tag{9}$$

where

$$A = \|a_{ij}\|,\ U = \begin{Vmatrix} \sqrt{2}u_{11}, \ldots, u_{1p} \\ \vdots \qquad \vdots \\ u_{p1} \ \ldots, \sqrt{2}u_{pp} \end{Vmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{Vmatrix} (\lambda_1 - \phi)I_1 & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & (\lambda_\nu - \phi)I_{\mu_\nu} & \\ 0 & & & -\phi I_{p-r} \end{Vmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & \cdots & C_1 & E_1' \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ C_{1\nu}' & \cdots & C_{\nu\nu} & E_\nu' \\ E_1 & \cdots & E_\nu & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_{hh} = \sqrt{\lambda_h} \| y_{ij} + y_{ji} \|,\ i, j = a_{h-1} + 1, \ldots, a_h,\ h = 1, 2, \ldots, \nu.$$

$$C_{hg} = \| \sqrt{\lambda_h}\, y_{ji} + \sqrt{\lambda_g}\, y_{ij} \|,\ h \neq g,\ i = a_{h-1} + 1, \ldots, a_h,$$

$$j = a_{g-1} + 1, \ldots, a_g,$$

$$E_h = \sqrt{\lambda_h} \| y_{ij} \|,\ i = r + 1, \ldots, p,\ j = a_{h-1} + 1, \ldots, a_h,$$

and $\{y_{ij}, z_{j\nu}\}$ has joint probability density

$$(2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}p(n_1+n)} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}(\sum_{i=1}^{p}\sum_{j=1}^{n_1} y_{ij}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{p}\sum_{\nu=1}^{n} z_{i\nu}^2)\} \qquad (10)$$

In Lemma 2 of [2], it is shown that all the $u_{ij}$'s tend to i.i.d. N(0,1)'s. Though Lemma 1, which is not true, was used in the proof of Lemma 2, the correctness of Lemma 2 is easily seen. Its proof can be easily modified and is omitted. The reader can refer to Lemmas 9 and 10 in X. R. Chen (1981).

According to this lemma, the $u_{ij}$'s in (9) was replaced by a set of i.i.d. N(0,1) variables $\{w_{ij}\}$ (though this was not obviously stated). But the correctness of this approach would not be easily seen. For this, we need the following lemma.

Lemma 1. Let d be a positive integer and $Q_n$, Q be probability measures defined on $(R^d, B(R^d))$ such that $Q_n \xrightarrow{w} Q$. Then there is a probability space $(\Omega, F, P)$ on which we can define a sequence of random vectors $\{X_n\}$ and $X$ such that $X_n(\omega) \to X(\omega)$, $\forall\ \omega \in \Omega$, and that $X_n$ and X have distributions $F_n$ and $F$, respectively.

In fact, this lemma can be extended to the weakly convergent sequence of probability measures defined on a complete and separable metric space. Because the proof is rather long and there are some interesting applications of this lemma, we will discuss it in detail in a separate paper (See Bai and Liang (1984) [4]).

Applying this lemma, we can define $\{\tilde{u}_{ij}^{(N)}, w_{ij}; i, j = 1, 2, \ldots, p, N = 1, 2, \ldots\}$ on some probability space such that $\{u_{ij}^{(N)}\} \xrightarrow{\text{pointwise}} \{w_{ij}\}$ as $N \to \infty$, $\{u_{ij}^{(N)}\}$ and $\{\tilde{u}_{ij}^{(N)}\}$ are identically distributed and that $\{w_{ij}\}$ is a set of i.i.d. N(0,1) random variables. Since $\{y_{ij}\}$ is independent of $\{u_{ij}^{(N)}\}$, we can also assume $\{y_{ij}\}$ is independent of $\{\tilde{u}_{ij}^{(N)}\}$. For the sake of simplicity of relation, we still use $\{u_{ij}\}$ instead of $\{\tilde{u}_{ij}^{(N)}\}$. This is to say, we assume that

$$U \to W = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}w_{11} & \cdots & w_{1p} \\ \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ w_{p1} & \cdots & \sqrt{2}w_{pp} \end{pmatrix} \quad \forall\, \omega \in \Omega \tag{11}$$

(Note that, for different n, all the U's do not still have the relations determined by (8) and (10).)

Lemma 2. Let $K \geq k$ be two positive integers. Suppose that $f_n(z) = a_K^{(n)} z^K + \cdots + a_0^{(n)} \to f(z) = a_k z^k + \cdots + a_0$, where $a_K^{(n)} \neq 0$, $a_k \neq 0$, $n = 1, 2, \ldots$. Let $z_1, \ldots, z_k$ denote the roots of f. Then we can suitably arrange the K roots of $f_n$ as $z_1^{(n)}, \ldots, z_k^{(n)}, z_{k+1}^{(n)}, \ldots, z_K^{(n)}$ such that

$$z_i^{(n)} \to z_i \qquad \text{for } i \leq k$$

$$|z_i^{(n)}| \to \infty. \qquad \text{for } i > k$$

as $n \to \infty$.

Proof. If $K > k$, then $a_K^{(n)} \to 0$ and $a_k^{(n)} \to a_k \neq 0$, hence $|a_k^{(n)}/a_K^{(n)}| \to \infty$. By Weida Theorem there must be a sequence of roots, say $z_K^{(n)}$ which tends to infinity. Thus, there must be a K - 1 degree polynomial $P_{K-1}^{(n)}(z)$, for each n, such that $f_n(z) = (1 - \frac{z}{z_K^{(n)}})P_{K-1}^{(n)}(z)$. Noting $f_n \to f$, we get $P_{K-1}^{(n)}(z) \to f(z)$ as $n \to \infty$. By induction, we can find that there are K - k roots $z_j^{(n)}$, $j = k + 1, \ldots, K$, such that $|z_j^{(n)}| \to \infty$, also there is a k-degree polynomial $P_k^{(n)}(z) \to f(z)$, and all the k roots of $P_k^{(n)}(z)$ are the remaining roots of $f_n$.

We claim that there must be a root of $P_k^{(n)}(z)$, say $z_1^{(n)}$, such that $z_1^{(n)} \to z_1$ as $n \to \infty$. Otherwise, there must be a positive number $\varepsilon_0$ such that

$$\min_{1<i<k} |z_i^{(n)} - z_1| \geq \varepsilon_0 > 0$$

holds for infinitely many n. Let $P_k^{(n)}(z) = b_k^{(n)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{k} (z - z_\ell^{(n)})$, where $b_k^{(n)}$ is the coefficient of first term of $P_k^{(n)}(z)$. On one hand, $P_k^{(n)}(z_1) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$, since $P_k^{(n)}(z_1) \to f(z_1) = 0$, as $n \to \infty$. On the other hand,

$$|P_k^{(n)}(z)| = |b_k^{(n)}| \prod_{\ell=1}^{k} |z_1 - z_\ell^{(n)}| \geq |b_k^{(n)}| \varepsilon_0^k$$

for infinitely many n.

Note $|b_k^{(n)}| \to |a_k| > 0$ and we get a contradiction. Thus our assertion is proved. By decomposition theorem of polynomial there is a k - 1 degree polynomial $P_{k-1}^{(n)}(z)$ such that

$$P_k^{(n)}(z) = (z - z_1^{(n)})P_{k-1}^{(n)}(z)$$

and

$$P_{k-1}^{(n)}(z) \to P_{k-1}(z) \text{ as } n \to \infty$$

where $P_{k-1}(z)$ is a k - 1 degree polynomial such that

$$f(z) = (z - z_1)P_{k-1}(z).$$

By induction, we prove the Lemma.

Split W into blocks according to the fashion of split of C. Write the blocks of W as $W_{hg}$. Since $U \to W$, $\forall\ \omega \in \Omega$, by lemma 2 we know that the $\ell_1$ positive roots $\phi_i$ (excluding the $p - \ell_1$ multiplicity of root zero) satisfy

$$\phi_i = \lambda_h + O(1),\ i = a_{h-1} + 1,\dots,a_h,\ h = 1, 2,\dots,\nu + 1 \qquad (12)$$

where $\lambda_{\nu+1} = 0$, $a_{\nu+1} = \ell_1$. Set $\Delta = \min_{1<h<\nu} (\lambda_h - \lambda_{h+1}) > 0$. In what follows, we fix $\omega \in \Omega$. Substituting $\phi = \lambda_1 + v\eta$ into the lefthand side of (9), dividing by $v^{1/2}$ the first $\mu_1$ rows and the first $\mu_1$ columns of the determinantal equation in (9), and letting $N \to \infty$, we find the lefthand side of (9) tends to

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} C_{11} - \lambda_1 W_{11} - \eta I_{\mu_1} & & & \\ & (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)I_{\mu_2} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & (\lambda_\nu - \lambda_1)I_{\mu_\nu} & \\ & & & & -\lambda_1 I_{p-\ell} \end{vmatrix}$$

which is a $\mu_1$-degree polynomial in $\eta$ and whose roots are the same as that of the following equation.

$$\det \| C_{11} - \lambda_1 W_{11} - \eta I_{\mu_1} \| = 0 \tag{13}$$

By (12) we know when N large enough

$$|\phi_i - \lambda_h| < \tfrac{1}{3}\Delta, \; i = a_{h-1} + 1,\ldots,a_h, \; h = 1, 2,\ldots, \nu + 1.$$

Write $\bar{\eta}_i = (\phi_i - \lambda_1)/v$ and denote by $\eta_1 \geq \eta_2 \geq \ldots \geq \eta_{\mu_1} > 0$ the roots of (13).

Then we have

$$|\bar{\eta}_i| < \Delta/3v \qquad i = 1, 2,\ldots,\mu_1 = a_1$$

$$|\bar{\eta}_i| < -2\Delta/3v \quad i = a_1 + 1,\ldots,\ell_1$$

By Lemma 2 we know that

$$\bar{\eta}_i \to \eta_i, \qquad i = 1, 2,\ldots,\mu_1 = a_1$$

$$\bar{\eta}_i \to -\infty, \qquad i = a_1 + 1,\ldots,\ell_1.$$

Consider the $\mu_1 \times \mu_1$ matrix $C_{11} - \lambda_1 W_{11}$. The diagonal elements of this matrix are

$$2\sqrt{\lambda}_1 y_{ii} - \sqrt{2}\lambda_1 w_{ii} - \sqrt{2\lambda_1^2 + 4\lambda_1}\, N(0,1),$$

and the off-diagonal elements are

$$\sqrt{\lambda_1}(y_{ij} + y_{ij}) - \lambda_1 u_{ij} - \sqrt{\lambda_1^2 + 2\lambda_1}\, N(0,1).$$

Hence, the distribution of roots of (13) is the same as that of

$$\left|\sqrt{\lambda_1^2 + 2\lambda_1}\, W_{11} - \eta I\right| = 0. \tag{14}$$

Set $\zeta_i = \bar{\eta}_i/\sqrt{2\lambda_1^2 + 4\lambda_1} \longrightarrow \eta_i/\sqrt{2\lambda_1^2 + 4\lambda_1}$, $i = 1, 2,\ldots,\mu_1$, as $N \to \infty$. Following the same lines as the proof in [2], the distribution of $\zeta_i$, $i = 1, 2,\ldots\mu_1$ tends to that as stated in Hsu's Theorem.

Similarly, we can prove that if we write

$$\bar{\eta}_i = (\phi_i - \lambda_h)/v, \; i = a_{h-1} + 1,\ldots,a_h, \; h = 1, 2,\ldots,\nu.$$

then

$$\bar{\eta}_i \dot{\to} \eta_i \quad \text{as } N \to \infty$$

where $\eta_i$, $i = a_{h-1} + 1,\ldots,a_h$, are the roots of the determinantal equation

$$|C_{hh} - \lambda_h W_{hh} - \eta I_{\mu_h}| = 0$$

Set

$$\bar{\zeta}_i = \bar{\eta}_i \Big/ \sqrt{2\lambda_h^2 + 4\lambda_h},\ i = a_{h-1} + 1, \ldots, a_h.$$

Their joint distribution tends to that as stated in Hsu's Theorem.

Finally, letting $\phi = v^2\zeta$ and substituting it into (9), dividing the last $p - r$ rows and the last $p - r$ columns of the determinantal on the lefthand side of (9), then letting $N \to \infty$, we obtain

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 I_{\mu_1} & 0 \ldots 0 & & E_1' \\ 0 & \lambda_2 I_{\mu_2} \ldots & 0 & E_2' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 \ldots & \lambda_\nu I_{\mu_\nu} & E_\nu' \\ E_1 & E_2 \ldots & E_\nu & \bar{A} - \zeta I \end{bmatrix} = 0 \qquad (15)$$

where $\bar{A}$ is the lower-right $(p - r) \times (p - r)$ submatrix of A. (15) is equivalent to

$$\det(\bar{A} - \frac{1}{\lambda_1} E_1 E_1' - \ldots - \frac{1}{\lambda_\nu} E_\nu E_\nu' - \zeta I) = 0. \qquad (16)$$

On recalling the elements of $\bar{A}$ and $E_h$, (16) is in fact the following equation

$$\det \| e_{ij} - \zeta\delta_{ij} \| = 0 \qquad (17)$$

where $\delta_{ii} = 1$, $\delta_{ij} = 0$ (for $i \neq j$) and

$$e_{ij} = \sum_{\beta=r+1}^{n_1} y_{i\beta} y_{j\beta}.$$

Write the roots of (17) as $\zeta_{r+1}, \ldots, \zeta_{\ell_1}, 0, \ldots 0$. (Note the rank of $\| e_{ij} \|$ is $\ell_1 - r$, hence (17) has $p - \ell_1$ multiplicity of root zero.) Set $\bar{\zeta}_i = \phi_i / v^2$, $i = r + 1, \ldots, \ell_1$. By Lemma 2 we know

$$\bar{\zeta}_i \to \zeta_i,\ i = r + 1, \ldots, \ell_1.$$

According to the proof of Hsu, we know the distribution of $\bar{\zeta}_i$, $i = r + 1, \ldots \ell_1$ tends to that as stated in Hsu's Theorem.

The independence among each group of limits of the corresponding groups

of roots is obvious.

The proof of Hsu's Theorem is thus completed.

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